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"Follow peace with all men, and holiness, without which no man shall see the Lord." --
(Heb. 12:14)

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GENERAL CONFERENCE EXTENDS OFFICE OF ALL GENERAL OFFICERS

Since this was a special called General Conference, due to the rapid growth of the church, and since it was understood that all elections at the last General Conference were for two years instead of one, the General Conference voted unanimously to extend the office of all general officers until the next regular General Conference.

No church ever had better leaders than our church has in Brother Glenn Griffith and Brother Elbert Dodd. Again and again our hearts were blessed as they preached to us from time to time in the General Conference. We solicit the prayers of our people everywhere that God will give them strength to carry on in this great and glorious task of leading our church on from victory unto victory. Brother Griffith and Brother Dodd have been in labors abundant during the past year. It is almost unbelievable, the amount of miles they have traveled and the number of times they have preached. They have endeared themselves to the people who love old time holiness all across this nation. May God bless them.

Rev. L. P. Roberts will continue to be our efficient General Treasurer. Brother Roberts, a brother beloved, pastor of our church in Denver, has done an excellent job as General Treasurer of our church. He has merited the confidence, love and appreciation of the entire church.

Mr. A. L. Crane of Nampa, Idaho has done a wonderful job as General Secretary of our church. Brother Crane is a song evangelist and sings for meetings when his work as Secretary and Business Manager of "The Missionary Revivalist" will permit him to be away. He is much loved

and appreciated. May God bless him. He was assisted during the Conference by Mrs. Robert H. Fleming and -Mrs. Robert Barker.

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EDITORIAL

By Spencer Johnson

THE FULLNESS OF THE BLESSING

"And I am sure that, when I come unto you, I shall come in the fulness of the blessing of the gospel of Christ." (Rom. 15:29).

The gospel of Christ not only tells of forgiveness for sins but it declares that there is complete deliverance from the evil nature of sin that came upon man in the fall of the race. "The Fulness of the Blessing," undoubtedly, has reference to the "second benefit," or the "rest that remaineth to the people of God." Paul had experienced this second work of grace while on Straight Street in Damascus and after the passing of the years he contemplates a visit to the Romans and testifies that he is still rejoicing in the fulness of the blessing.

The fulness of the blessing implies the eradication of carnality. Genuine conversion places the soul on a level where it does not commit sin. "Whosoever is born of God doth not commit sin!" A person cannot be a sinner and a Christian at the same time. A born again experience will turn one away from all sinful practices and worldliness. "Whosoever is born of God overcometh the world." Worldly entertainments, dress, shows, television, language, and conduct are all left behind when one is truly born again. It is equal to telling a point blank lie to profess salvation when one is gripped by worldly habits, dress and deportment. All this is changes in regeneration.

But the fullness of the blessing leaves no room for even the tendency to worldliness. In the regenerated heart there is no actual practice of worldliness but there is that secret, hidden, regret that one can no longer indulge those worldly desires. There is an inclination to temper. Of course, not a real yielding to it, or a display of it, that would be nothing short of backsliding. But there is that feverish burning inside when one is exposed to provoking circumstances. All these tendencies are burned out by the mighty baptism with the Holy Ghost and fire. Neither is there room in the heart for the fulness of the blessing and a selfish, stingy, penurious disposition or for carnal pride. That old enmity that is hatred toward God cannot live in the heart where the fullness of the blessing dwells.

The fullness of the blessing brings a stability to the soul. Paul speaks of an "establishing grace," and again he writes "To the end he may stablish your hearts unblameable in holiness." (I Thess. 4:13) There is a kind of sanctified stubbornness that is badly needed by this vacillating and unstable generation. This lacking quality would do more to qualify a man for life than all the degrees and scholastic honors he could ever obtain. When the storm is on and the winds are howling, the lightning, flashing, the thunder rolling, and the floods sweeping, God's. sanctified man stands unmoved by all the pressure of the tempest shock. The tendency today is to drift with the tide. On every hand we hear the excuse, "Everybody's doing it." Wrong is still wrong if everybody

does it and right is right if nobody does it. Any old dead carcass can go with the current of the stream. It takes life, strength, will power and grace to stand alone and stem the tide.

There was a day when just good old common American backbone and decency made the average run of men more dependable than a lot of so-called holiness people are today.

Time was, when a God-called, sanctified preacher would answer the call and obey God whether the opportunity was good or bad. The man of God who really has the blessing will preach the truth regardless of the consequences. If promotion depends upon his soft pedaling the message or kissing the toe of ecclesiasticism, he will gladly choose privation and suffering rather than to fawn and flatter or cut corners and compromise.

A sanctified person must be able to say "No" as well as "Yes" and make it stick. A sanctified girl will walk with her fellows only as far as she can go and keep her self-respect and God's approval. Then she will stop and say "no" and refuse to go one step farther. In spite of all the persuasion, pleading and threatening she will stand and never yield. She will walk alone and keep company with her own soul and with the Saviour rather than to compromise her God-given convictions. The fulness of the blessing within her beautiful heart is more glorious to her than all the popular acclaim of the cheap world about her.

A sanctified young man will retain self respect and the trust of others. He will not bend nor break nor bow. A man in possession of the fulness of the blessing is a strong tower to those who put their trust in him whether he be young or old.

The fulness of the blessing brings satisfaction. It is a full blessing. Jesus said, "Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness for they shall be filled." The blessedness is in the filling. The disciples in the upper room were all "filled with the Spirit." After much persecution and threatenings the Bible again states that they were "filled with the Spirit." Peter speaks of "Joy unspeakable and full of glory." Paul exhorts, "Be filled with the Spirit. Again he leads us step by step until our dazzled senses are staggered with the possibility of being "filled with all the fulness of God!" Glory to God!

All the instincts and yearnings for fulness in the regenerated soul find a spiritual correlative in the Bible. God sees the want and has made provision to supply the need. This very condition of the spirit is a proof of the blessing. The logic of heaven in the born again soul pleads from the premises of a conscious emptiness and yearning for fulness to the irresistible conclusion of such a filling. Just as hunger declares the existence of bread and thirst proves the existence of water and lungs show the need for air so the longing for fulness in the regenerated heart shows there is a fulness of the blessing.

The sweetness and power of the fulness of the blessing of holiness transcends anything in the regenerated life. It is given in answer to a complete and eternal consecration of everything to God. It must be a consecration without a single reservation. It costs everything but is worth all. Many Christians have come to face the cost of walking in the light of holiness. They have looked at it only from time side and not from eternal view. They feared it would bankrupt them to take the step that God requires. They made the colossal mistake of thinking that they could out give God;

they were afraid they would be able to surrender more to God than He would be able to recompense them for. They backed up, shrunk from paying the price and lost what victory they did have.

God's wonderful proposition is that if we will give ourselves to Him, He will give Himself to us. In one of the meetings where I was preaching, an old lady said to me, "I'd give the world if I had the experience you have." I said, "Sister, that is exactly what it cost me." Thank God it is worth all it costs. I have never been a good trader. I lose my shirt every time I trade. Trading is one of my many weak points. However, there was one good trade that I made. It was the time when I traded my poor, tired, peevish, impatient self for the great magnanimous, wonderful, peaceful Christ! Glory to God! The marvelous thing about it all was that He knew I was beating Him but He traded anyhow. Hallelujah! It thrills my heart even today. I am, so unworthy but I am wholly and forever His! He is mine and I love Him today with all my being. The mistakes and short comings of my life have been many but He is faithful and I rejoice in the fulness of the blessing that is mine today! Glory! Glory! Glory! I remember when I took the death route and died out to sin and self. But the cost is insignificant in comparison to the blessing that I now enjoy through the merits of His precious blood.

Reader, friend, if you are now a child of God but have not been sanctified, I beseech you to put your all on God's altar and ask Him to burn out all inbred sin. Hold back nothing, put everything and everybody on the altar, father, mother, husband, wife, children, land, property, everything, and He will come!

There was a law in the Old Testament, that when a man brought his gift to offer on the altar in the temple, the priest must appear and receive the offering. It was but a type and figure of what takes place in this day of grace. When an individual lays himself and all that he has on the altar, Christ our great high priest, comes, accepts the gift and the fire falls.

Finally the "fulness of the blessing" sends one out to break the bread of salvation to a hungry world. This was why Paul was willing to hazard his life to carry the gospel to the known world. It will do the same today as in the past. I read of two girls, members of a very formal church who attended a Mission and were sanctified. The moment they received the blessing they began to run over and flow forth to be a blessing. Before this time they had been satisfied with formal church attendance but now they overflowed the banks and backed up to the hills. They could not be satisfied to keep still while men and women by the scores were going down to perdition. They rented a hall, filled it with seats, got an old organ and started a meeting. They didn't know how to preach but they could sing and pray and testify and exhort. In a few days a gracious revival broke out and scores of people were saved. Immediately they were summoned for trial before their church. They were charged with "Irregularity," This was certainly true. They were quite different from what they had been before. A professional mechanical Christian life no longer satisfied them; they were burning up with love for lost souls and were trying their best to keep men and women out of hell. They were saving souls and were in such contrast to their fellow church members that they both looked and were "irregular." Fortunately for the girls, the man who presided over the church court or assembly was both a religious and sensible man. As he asked numerous questions to the young women as to how and when and where they got this blessing and why they did these things, light broke into his mind and he secured their acquittal. His final remark

to the assembly was significant. He said, "from all I can see these girls have received the baptism of the Holy Ghost, and it would be a good thing if we all had it." Amen.

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MANUAL CHANGE

There was one important change made in the Manual at this General Conference. It comes under Part III, Special Rules and reads as follows:

"No minister who has been divorced and remarried or whose companion has been divorced and remarried shall be licensed or ordained while his or her former companion is living except upon the unanimous vote of the District Orders and Relations Committee and a unanimous vote of the District Conference and upon a two-thirds majority vote of the General Conference."

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GENERAL CONFERENCE OPPOSES REVISED STANDARD VERSION

The Second General Conference of The Bible Missionary Church voted unanimously to go on record as opposing the use of the Revised Standard Version as the Bible in the Church, in the Schools or in any of its literature or publications. The Bible Missionary Church does not consider the Revised Standard Version to be a Bible.

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A MESSAGE OF WARNING TO GOD'S SAINTS

By Elbert Dodd

Scripture II John 9-11: "Whosoever transgresseth, and abideth not in the doctrine of Christ, hath not God. He that abideth in the doctrine of Christ, he hath both the Father and the Son.

"If there come any unto you, and bring not this doctrine, receive him not into your house, neither bid him God speed:

"For he that biddeth him God speed is partaker of his evil deeds."

Let's notice first of all, who wrote this Epistle. It was John the Beloved. The John that leaned on Jesus' breast, the one that seemed to be the closest to the Lord and the one the Lord revealed the future to in the great book of Revelation. But he lived in a day when apostasy had already set up and he loved his brothers and sisters and God's children and he had a message for them and he wanted to give the message to them. So he wrote this message to, "The elders unto the elect lady and her children, whom I love in the truth." You will notice it was to the elect lady, that is God's chosen people, His chosen church.

Now let's look at this truth which he gave out to God's holy people. Many good, conscientious, holy people are being deceived in this day in which we live. This day is the day of deception. This is the day when many false religions and false Christs are to be found throughout the land. So this warning is a timely warning.

Let us notice the doctrine of Christ. He claimed in many places to be the Son of God. He was born of the virgin Mary and lived among men and when John the Baptist baptized Him, there was a voice from heaven which said, "This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased." The doctrine of Christ is the doctrine of Him being the only divine Son of God. Not a son of God, but THE SON of God. Jesus gave forth His doctrines in the great sermon on the Mount in the 5th, 6th and 7th chapters of Matthew.

In this great sermon, His doctrine was a doctrine of pure religion. He taught that one must make his peace with God and then he must have a pure heart. He also taught that there is a heaven. He said, "Let not your heart be troubled, ye believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father's house are many mansions, if it were not so I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you, and if I go I will come again." So He taught that there was a better place and He was coming back to this world the second time.

Not only did Jesus teach that He was coming back the second time, but had His apostles to record this fact. Notice in Acts 1:11 we read, "Ye men of Galilee, why stand ye gazing up into heaven? this same Jesus which is taken up from you into heaven, shall so come in like manner as ye have seen him go into heaven." This same Jesus as you see Him go away, so shall He come. Many advocate today that He comes into the heart, but not in a bodily form. But the blessed hope of this day, is the doctrine of the second coming of Jesus back to this old world again.

Not only did He teach that there was a heaven, but He also taught that there was a hell. In Mark 9:43, "And if thy hand offend thee, cut it off: it is better for thee to enter into life maimed, than having two hands to go into hell, into the fire that never shall be quenched: Where the worm dieth not, and the fire is not quenched." In Luke 16 beginning with the 19th verse, we have a vivid description of a man who lived and died and went to hell. Now friends, these are some of the doctrines of Christ.

He also taught, "If any man will come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow Me." If He taught anything, He taught self denial. Denial of the world and separation from the world. Through Paul, whom He ordained and gave a special dispensation to give to us, He gave us these words in II Corinthians 6:14-18 which teaches a complete self-denial and a complete separation from the world.

Then He taught that we must keep His commandments. John 14:23, Jesus said, "--If a man love me, he will keep my words:" He gave to us this great book of First John where He said, "And every man that hath this hope in him purifieth himself, even as he is pure. Whosoever committeth sin transgresseth also the law: for sin is the transgression of the law. And ye know that he was manifested to take away our sins; and in him is no sin. Whosoever abideth in him sinneth not: whosoever sinneth hath not seen him, neither known him. Whosoever is born of God doth not commit sin ;" This is the doctrine of Christ against a sinning religion and for a sinless religion.

He also taught that we were not to love the world. He said about His disciples that they were not of the world even as He was not of the world. In I John He says, "Love not the world, neither the things of the world. If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him." No man with intelligence could believe that a person who has the doctrine of Christ abiding in him will love the world or the things of the world. The Bible is very plain about what He means about the things of the world.

Jesus taught holiness. He said, "Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God." In John He prayed, "Sanctify them through thy truth, thy Word is truth." In I John He says, "If we walk in the light as He is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ His son cleanseth us from all sin."

This is the doctrine of Christ friends. Now comes the warning If there come any unto you and bring not this doctrine, receive him not into your house. This not only means your house, but yore fellowship. Neither bid him God's, speed. Friends, we can receive him in and bid him God's speed by indulgence, by being unconcerned, by private contribution, and public countenance, and public assistance and open apology and defense.

If one comes in with other than the above doctrine of Christ which is very plain in the Bible, we are not to receive him and we're not to give him any countenance or assistance whatsoever to the furtherance of the doctrine which he preaches.

The second warning, "He that biddeth him God speed is partaker of his evil deeds." Not only friend, does He tell us not to receive him into our house, but we're not to bid him God's speed in any way. If we do then we're partakers of his evil deeds and we become as guilty as he is and we come under the condemnation of those who transgress and abide not in the doctrine of Christ.

This is a thought we should consider very carefully and we should take it to our own hearts in this day in which we live. If we support liberalism whether it is in literature or any other form, then we become partakers of these evil deeds. If we support a sinning religion and boost a sinning religion who say that one must sin every day and one can be worldly and be a Christian and that it is not necessary for one to have a pure heart, if we support these either publicly or privately and we give our assent and our approval of them, then we become partakers of their evil deeds.

To the ministry especially this word, we should be careful of what we support and what we put our approval on. God help us all to take this message of warning is my humble prayer today.

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THE DEVIL GOES TO CHURCH

The devil went to church one day
And had a look around,
And when he saw the way folks lived
He made an awful frown.

"This crowd is living like they should.
Quite modest they are dressed,
According to the Word of God,
No wonder they are blessed.

"I better get to work," he said,
"I know where I'll begin."
And so he walked right down the aisle
With a basket full of sin.

He then began to freely pass
His wares out here and there;
The first a pair of scissors
For the women to cut their hair.

He helped them curl and frizz it up
And then to make it neat,

He gave them flowers and bells and such
And said, "My you look sweet."

"And don't you know my dear," he said,
"Your dress is out of style?"
And so he helped her fix it up
In just a little while.

The sleeves were capped instead of long;
The length was shortened too.
And then he smiled, much pleased was he,
But still he was not through.

He passed out all his jewelry,
His costly clothes and lace;
He finished with a touch of paint
Upon her lovely face.

"And now," he said much satisfied,
"They look just like my crowd
All painted up and just half dressed
And my, they look so proud.

"I'm happy now; my job is done;
My plans are carried through;
The church has lost its once great power
And lost its influence too."

-- Mary E. Owen, Member Bible Missionary Church, St. Louis, Mo.

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THE MAGIC BOX

By Robert Barker

It may not be fair for those of us who do not have sets to blame television for all the sins of this generation, but...

And lo, the fields of a certain Christian did bring forth much fruit. Whatsoever he did put his hand to did prosper, and the money did accumulate until his coffers were waxen full. Some of his gain he did give to the church, but not too much, for as he did say, "It is not meet that the church should receive an exceedingly large income, for lo, mine is a plain church and we should keep our plainness and not build large structures with stained glass windows and huge organs within." And it was with such reasoning that he did keep his money at home and did spend it upon himself, or occasionally he did lend it to his friends at six per cent interest.

He did strengthen his dairy barns and did add unto his herd until it was the talk of many counties, for behold, it was a registered herd, and the cattle therein were the finest that he could buy.

When strangers did enter his home he did point with pride to the deep freezer, the automatic washer, the dryer, the wall-to-wall carpeting in his sunken living room, and often he did say unto his visitors, "All these and much more I have gotten with my own hands." But if the visitors were from his own church, he did quickly add, "The Lord hath richly blessed me."

And this Christian, Simon by name, did covet to own a television set, but his wife did resist him in this venture with great vigor, for she did fear its influence upon their boys, Samuel and Daniel. However, after much mentioning by her husband of its educational value and his insistence that this would be a wise investment of the money with which the Lord had entrusted him, she did yield, and in despair at his frequent nagging, did say unto him one day, "Yea, go and buy it, for thou wilt have no rest nor wilt thou give me rest until it is thine."

Quickly did this Christian purchase a television set of the finest quality, for it is known unto all that in spending for oneself it is wise to buy the best. Upon his roof was erected with great speed an aerial that did stretch into the heavens and did cause much wonder among the fowls of the air. And Simon did purchase also a booster for his television set, for he did not wish to be limited only to the local station, but did desire to bring stations into his home from afar.

With great interest did Simon and his boys gather about their television set the first night after it was installed, and they did twist the dials with determination. And behold! it was even as the salesman had said! Upon the twenty-inch screen did appear a funny face and from the box came the sound of raucous laughter. And Simon did laugh, too, yea, and Daniel and Samuel also did laugh, for the man was exceedingly funny and twice did he fall flat on his face and once did the piano lid drop on his neck. Simon's wife, Mary by name, did stand afar off from the set, and did wonder in her heart concerning what was now in her home.

From that night forth Simon and his boys did assemble about the polished veneer box and with great skill did they adjust its controls until many stations did enter their home. And Simon did grow to love this box which dominated both his living room and his living. And his boys also did love it and the three of them fell down before the box each evening and did worship the pictures which appeared upon the twenty-inch screen. But his wife, Mary, did not understand. She did object to the cigarettes which marched across the screen like tiny soldiers and did protest to her husband. But he did answer, "It is nothing," and the boys did echo, "Nay, Mother, it is nothing." So Mary sat quietly back and often did sew in the evening while her family did surround the box to laugh and gape at the pictures which did float before their eyes. When certain programs did end, and the announcer would speak of foaming beer which did quench the thirst, because it had been brewed in vats for many days, Mary did look closely to her sewing and wondered within her heart.

And thus many days did pass, and each night with great regularity did the father and his two growing sons cry unto their new god. And when the fights were shown on Wednesday night, Mary did travel to prayer meeting alone, for Simon did say, It is important that the children should

become acquainted with the sports world, and I shall remain at home to guide them in this great undertaking.

One day, Simon, with laughter in his voice did say unto his wife, "Now if I had also a television set within my cattle barn, verily I could watch it as I tended my herds."

But his wife did speak sharply unto him as she said, "Wouldst thou also erect an aerial upon thy barn, and perchance install sets for thy prize cows to gaze upon with the understanding that they give thee more milk because of thy goodness?"

And Simon did quickly protest, "Nay woman, be not thou aroused, for I did just jest." Yet, secretly within his heart Simon did grieve, because it was necessary for him to be in the barn when the "All Star Revue" did appear upon his television screen.

So Simon, the Young Christian did continue to increase in this world's goods, and each year he did trade his television set for a finer one until he had one which did all but defy description, for lo, it had an aluminized tube that permitted sharply defined pictures, a symphonic tone system that did reproduce sound with great fidelity, and many other accessories also, some of which even Simon did not understand.

And his neighbors did view the television set with interest, and they did note that his fields still brought forth abundantly, and that God, because of the television set, did not strike Simon down with a lightening bolt from heaven as he tended his herds or viewed the faces and dancing figures on the screen. Yea, and they did buy also and many in that neighborhood did watch Red Skelton, and Milton Berle, and the Playhouse of Stars as the actors did jitterbug about and tell stories with hidden meanings.

And none did notice that Mary, Simon's wife, did smile no more as she sat in the far corner of the room by herself as her husband did draw apart to worship the box. No longer did her children come to her at eventide and say, "Tell us a story, Mother," but instead did they go to the box and twist its dials until it did speak to them. And none did see the tears that Mary wiped carefully away as she thought about the box which had taken her place. Nay Simon and his neighbors did see none of this, but each night they did view the box with delight, and did forget that they were losing the family fellowship which once was theirs.

Upon occasion, Simon did argue with his boys, Daniel and Samuel, concerning what programs they should see; and once he did send them violently to bed when they insisted that they should view "Inner Sanctum" while he was determined to see Louis and Graciano buffet one another about a canvas ring. And Mary said nothing, only bending closer to her sewing, but often she did pray that God would remove the box from her home because she recognized now that it was a consumer and not an entertainer.

And her heart became bitter within her because she had yielded to her husband's request and agreed to place a smoldering fire upon the wall-to-wall carpeting in the large front room of their home. Often did she wish that they had waited until the box had been proven and its offerings

raised in both quality and quantity. But her sorrow was too late, for lo, the box had taken over her home.

Often as she dusted it, she did desire to smite it, but it did look balefully at her with its single eye, and say as unto her, "Thou dost not dare smite me, for behold I am master of this house!" And Mary did know that it was true.

Sometimes the box did beg her to fall down and worship it, but she would not. Her resistance did bother the box to some extent, but not too greatly, for its tubes did burn nightly as Simon and Daniel and Samuel did kneel before the altar and do obeisance unto it. And they did twist its dials and bitterly complain if atmospheric conditions or their neighbor's machinery did cause "snow" to fall across the shiny screen, and erase their favorite comic's face.

And often did the television box chuckle softly as it reflected, whispering to itself, "Lo, Simon doth believe that he hath purchased me, but it is not so, for instead he hath sold himself unto me, both he and his children." And he did gaze with pride at Simon and Daniel and Samuel, and they did gaze back at him, unknowing of the fact that they were not their own, but slaves of the "Box."

"Abstain from all appearance of evil." I Thess.

"And have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness, but rather reprove them." Eph.

"And take heed to yourselves, lest at any time your hearts be overcharged with surfeiting, and drunkenness, and cares of this life, and so that day come upon you unawares. For as a snare shall it come upon all them that dwell on the face of the whole earth." Luke 21:34-35.

"Thou shalt have none other gods before Me, Thou shalt not bow down thyself unto them, nor serve them: for I the Lord thy God am a jealous God." Deut. 5:7-9.

"Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world. If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him. 1 John 2:15. -- By permission of Youth's Christian Companion, Scottdale, Penna.

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"And whatsoever ye do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God and the Father by him." -- Colossians 3:17

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A WORD FROM BROTHER DODD

To our precious people and our friends throughout this fair land: Greetings,

This is to thank you for your wonderful words of encouragement spoken to me at the conference, and for the many letters received since the conference, and too I want to thank you for your prayers.

The words and letters came at a time when I needed them, and are deeply appreciated, the facts are I do not have words to express to you my feelings of appreciation like I would like to.

My wife and I thank you for the love offering, and your every kindness to us. Although we do not feel we deserve your wonderful kindness and your love, we deeply appreciate it.

God has answered prayer in behalf of my body, and I feel better than I have for two or three months, for all this we thank you for your prayers, and I am here today in answer to your prayers, We praise God.

You can know, that I pledge to you and to God to give the church the best that I have in the months ahead.

May God bless, and keep you all is my prayer.

Let us all join in prayer that God will continue His blessing on us in the future months as He has in the last few months.

Doors are opening more than ever, and we must enter those doors whatever the cost may be, that we may be able to keep the blessing of God on us. I am happy to be associated with my co-laborer Rev. Glenn Griffith who I believe is one of the most godly men I have ever known, also with this wonderful crowd of preachers and laymen.

Continue to pray that God will keep us well, and able to do His will. -- Elbert Dodd

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"Bless the Lord, O my soul: and all that is within me, bless his holy name." (Psa. 103:1)

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A RETURN TO THE CAVE ADULLAM

By Paul Pumpelly

God had anointed David King over Israel but Saul refused to recognize the Supernatural anointing. The reason was that Saul had compromised and backslidden because he failed to fulfill the Divine purpose of his original anointing as king. Therefore, Saul sought the life of David. David knew that Saul secretly practiced mischief against him. He sought the Lord and was led out of the king's council rooms of federation and collaboration and compromise and escaped thence to the cave Adullam. And when his brethren heard it, they went down thither to him. And everyone that was in distress, and everyone that was in debt, and everyone that was discontented, gathered themselves unto him; and he became captain over them. He arose, and smote the Philistines until

his hand was weary, and his hand clave to the sword, and the Lord wrought a great victory that day. And thirty-three chief men went down and came to David in the harvest time unto the cave of Adullam; and the troop of the Philistines pitched in the Valley of Rephaim.

It was in the month of September and the eighth day in the year nineteen-hundred-fifty-five that a war worn warrior was led of the Lord to withdraw from the fearful compromise and federation with evil within the ranks he served. Not fully aware of the future or even the supernatural anointing given, Glenn Griffith headed for the "Ole Cave of Adullam." When his brethren and his house heard of it they quickly joined themselves to him. The word spread abroad in haste as lightening and many precious brethren who were getting deeper in budgets and finding themselves discontented and running from the fearful cloud of compromise that had subtly caused "General Saul" to perish, took great courage and began to seek the cave. The first general gathering was a year later in the "Old Cave" where many scattered sheep were reunited. Some headed for the cave in spite of kin-folk pressure and other well meaning brethren. They rejoiced at the thought of getting free from ecclesiastical bondage they found themselves in. Once in the cave, they were nourished, some even back to life. The shouts of victory and liberty and the presence of the Holy One was everywhere. Bro. Griffith got up and spread the table and someone got an arm load of peeled pomegranates and passed them out. Whoops and shouts were heard from every part of the cavern. Folk came from the east, the west, the north, and the south. All marvelled at the mighty power of God. The challenge was given to go back to the battle with note to regroup in the cave of Adullam later.

This past September the second great conference was held in the "Old Cave of Adullam." But instead of a few, this time there were great hosts of brethren who had joined themselves to the "new thing." When the warriors gathered in from all battle fronts, they all showed signs of using the past year for getting out of grave clothes, dropping old programs, learning new lessons from the Holy Ghost, and some even had battle scars from the new front. Reports of stonings, tents cut down, cursings, threats of being put into jail, devil bottles thrown at one general, and many other reports that once again hell is being stormed by the sanctified crowd. And as David re-grouped in the cave IN THE TIME OF HARVEST, so did the Bible Missionary Church. Bro. Griffith was used of God the first night in words of fire, the challenge, the harvest, the price. Then problems that had come upon us in the battle had to be solved. One in particular seemed unsolved. The "old cave" was filled with weeping. Personal holiness was exemplified by all brethren. Many fasted and prayed all night. Groans and tears and hearts breaking for God to come solve our problem. Finally after three days of praying, and wrestling with God, Bro. Griffith broke through into the throne room and God spoke the answer. Back in the cave men were weeping and yet believing. Then the climax came when God's anointed got up and spoke the revelation from God. Quickly the warriors were settled with God's solution and once again shouts of victory and rejoicing were heard ringing down the corridors. One was heard to say, down in the lower chamber, that when all were confused as to what to do, the old LION got up and shook his mane and all the folk quickly got together. Everyone could now leave the cave for battle with a clear conscience and unity.

The Holy Ghost came in one service to dispense with preaching and just gave everyone a heaven sent blessing. Some could not contain it and jumped up and down, some ran the aisles, the platform was busy with many climbing up and others running off. Someone looked up into the upper chamber thinking sure that someone might step off in faith. Tears were dripping from every

chin, liberty was given and most took advantage of it. One old warrior said he had been in the holiness ranks for about fifty-five years and in the major "come-out" over forty years ago but he had never witnessed anything like this in his life. To the most of us, it was new. We had seen it in miniature in various places but never in such a large portion as this. Some one said the Holy Ghost was simply putting His approval on the WHOLE THING. Every committee stayed at the job until they were absolutely sure they had the Holy Ghost approval. The church said, THE WORLD IS OUR PARISH, and we make no apology for entering any field. This seemed to bless the Lord and it spilled over on the Cave of Adullam and its occupants. Also when the strong statement that we detest worldliness and demand personal holiness was made, the Holy Ghost Himself seemed to walk the aisles while the "holy people" sat with bowed heads in reverence.

During the last session, someone got up in the "visitors" section and pleaded with the "old warrior" to take him in. When he was told they would consider him later, he jumped up and said it was too serious to put off (it seemed he had put it off too long as it was) and that his wife had come with him to "come out" to come in. They fed them, took them in, gave them credentials, seated them in conference, shouted the victory. And with this sudden defeat to the devil, the devil tried to sneak out the side door but he was noticed and some of the brethren made a face at him.

Once again we had to rally to the thought of departure. The "Philistines" are camped just down the valley waiting for combat. The battle line has changed from challenging backslidden Saul, to actually fighting the Philistines. We find ourselves on a new front. Old fox-holes are left for someone else to defend. We are on new ground, trying desperately to pull men out of the fire. Bro. Dodd said, "the world is on fire." The phrase was coined. Missionaries rejoiced at the soul burden evidenced in the great pledge offering. Doors are opening faster than we are able to fill. Surely God has called the Bible Missionary Church to the front line in such a time as this. The date was set for the next re-grouping in the Old Cave, and we reluctantly left the cave but gladly returned to the front line to engage in the last day battle. Should the Saviour tarry, we shall once again rally to the cave of Adullam and open another cavern to care for the many who shall be pulled out of the fire this coming year.

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"Behold how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity. It is like the precious ointment upon the head, that ran down upon the beard, even Aaron's beard: that went down to the skirts of his garments." (Psa. 133:1,2)

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GENERAL CONFERENCE ELECTS SUNDAY SCHOOL EDITOR

We feel that the Bible Missionary Church has taken a wonderful forward step toward the advancing of the Kingdom of God in the selection of an editor for the Sunday School literature. To fill this important place, the Conference elected Rev. H. A. Erdmann of Jerome, Idaho, Brother Erdmann needs no introduction to many throughout the holiness movement. He is a veteran of the cross and has many years of experience in the ministry. He has been a successful pastor, evangelist

and teacher. He has taught in several of the schools of the holiness movement. He is no novice as an author. He is well qualified to write the literature for our Sunday Schools.

We commend him to our people everywhere. Brother Erdmann is already hard at work preparing the Sunday School lessons for the future. May God bless Brother Erdmann as he labors in this very important part of our work. He will appreciate an interest in your prayers. He is truly a wonderful sanctified brother and will give us lessons from the heart as well as from the head. -- Editor.

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"Make a joyful noise unto God, all ye lands." (Psa. 66:1)

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FOREIGN MISSIONS SECRETARY ELECTED

The General Conference authorized the General Board to select a secretary of Foreign Missions. The General Board elected Rev. Paul W. Finch of Kansas City, Missouri as secretary of Foreign Missions. Brother Finch has traveled widely and has had experience as Missions Secretary in another denomination. God has been blessing Brother Finch in the evangelistic work in Ireland.

Brother Finch will work with the missionaries under the direction of the General Board. He will be planning their furloughs, itineraries and their returning to the fields, etc. All Missionaries, other than those working under Brother Victor Glenn, will work on orders of the Foreign Missions Secretary. All monies raised in deputation work or received on the fields will go through the General Treasurer in Denver, Colorado, or a report given to the General Treasurer of all monies raised or received so that proper adjustments can be made.

If you are interested in having a missionary for a service then write Rev. Paul Finch, 2311 East 44th Street, Kansas City 30, Missouri. Brother Finch will also be writing the missionary page for the "Missionary Revivalist" each month. If you have articles on missions that you want printed in the "Missionary Revivalist" mail them to Brother Finch. May God bless Brother Finch. He will need our prayers as he directs this great phase of our work.

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THE QUESTION DEPARTMENT

By Dr. T. M. Anderson
205 N. Walnut, Wilmore, Ky.

QUESTION: What is the sin unto death?

ANSWER: John said, "There is a sin unto death: I do not say that he shall pray for it." I Jno. 5:16. One would find it difficult to point out any one particular sin as being the sin unto death.

The Scriptures abound in instances to show that men have been pardoned for every form of sin known to man. I find much in the Word to show that one reaches to point of no return, or no place of repentance, or no merciful pardon when he continues to sin after receiving light. Indwelling sin is similar to a malignant disease that destroys the living cells of the body, Innate depravity can slowly destroy man's conscience, faith, and all desire for God, grace and salvation. The soul of such a man will be the graveyard wherein lies the dead of everything that would respond to the appeal of the Gospel. I find four clearly defined aspects of the sin unto death revealed in the Word. (1) Speaking against the work of the Holy Ghost or treating God's call to salvation with contempt. See Luke 12:10. (2) Refusing to go on unto perfection, or rejecting entire sanctification as a second definite work of grace. See Heb. 6:1-6. (3) Willful disobedience. Heb. 10:26-29. (4) Despising the birthright blessing of redemption. The birthright blessing was sold for a morsel of meat. Heb. 12:16-17. This blessing contains all that was lost in the fall of Adam. Jesus holds this blessing by virtue of His appointment as the Heir of all things. Heb. 1:2. When a man shows that he desires the pleasures of sin more than he desires the blessing of salvation he forfeits his birthright for a morsel of meat. Every human being has an inalienable right to receive pardon and purity through faith in Jesus, the appointed Heir of all things. All such privileges can be rejected by man. Such rejection is tantamount to despising a birthright.

QUESTION: Explain I John 3:9. Do the Scriptures teach one cannot fall from grace?

ANSWER: I John 3:9 discloses the infixed law of redemption which rules our lives. God's seed, or children have this law in them, and they cannot sin, because they are born of God. Think of the law of love which regulates a mother's love for her child. So long as her love rules her will she cannot murder her child. If she had no love for her child she could do many things unbecoming of a real mother. The words, "cannot sin" show us that spiritual conduct is regulated by the laws of God written in the heart. See Heb. 8:10-12.

The Scriptures show us that one can fall from grace. There is not one word of Holy Writ to substantiate the doctrine of unconditional security, or "once in grace always in grace." The proponents of this dogma overlook the fact that we must continue in the faith, and be not moved away from the hope of the Gospel. The doctrine of "once a son, always a son" proves too much. If this dogma were true we could never be saved. For "once a son of the devil, always a son of the devil." A natural birth is not by choice of the child that is born, but a spiritual birth is always by choice. Only the most obtuse mind of man would make the natural birth and spiritual birth analogous. The fallacious doctrine of unconditional security is the product of a "sinning religion." It palliates a guilty conscience and comforts the sinful heart.

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"For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways, and my thoughts than your thought." -- Isa. 55:9

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WITNESSING FOR HIM
Mrs. Ina Moyer

The Lord was with me today!

For years I've had a certain amount of fear when I sat behind the wheel of a car. I had never had a license. Two times a permit was handed to me and each time I purposed in my heart that this time I would conquer that fear. A fear which came as the result of a terrible auto accident 18 years ago that claimed the life of one young man and injured 6 others.

I walked up stairs last night with three things in my hand. The Bible, an instruction sheet and a book, "Thirty-Three Years a Live Wire," by Hatfield. I read the Bible and then the book. Yes -- I prayed. "Oh, Lord, keep me alive! Help me to be anything but dead. At any cost, Lord, keep this Holy Ghost fire burning in my soul. Then I studied. I couldn't expect God to help me much if I went with an empty head.

The night was over and morning was here. With a song in my heart and a prayer in my soul I went to the court house. The test is over and now I am walking by the side of the patrolman who will give me the supreme test. This is it--either I pass or fail.

But suddenly I notice something. He has just lit a cigarette. I breathed an earnest prayer. I knew what I must do--would do--and praise God I wanted to do. I may never get a license, but Lord, I'll witness for you. "Sir, I don't know your name, but I am a Christian, and a minister--no one has ever smoked in our car. Would you please?" Before I could say another word he looked at me and smiled and said "Sure--I'd have to throw it away anyhow."

We got in the car, I turned on the switch, looked up and prayed right out loud, "Jesus, please help me today." He did. Bless His name forever! I have a driver's license, but I have more than that. I have a shout in my soul, I have feelings, I have faith and glory to God forever the fire is burning in my soul.

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REPORT OF SECOND GENERAL CONFERENCE

The Second General Conference of the Bible Missionary Church convened Tuesday evening, Sept. 24, 1957 in a packed auditorium, packed balcony and well filled Sunday School auditorium of the Denver church. From the very first a hilarious spirit of singing, shouting and running the aisles, jumping and etc. prevailed. Glorious freedom and great unity filled the atmosphere as the momentum of each service seemed to rise to greater heights as the conference moved along through the week. There were no sermons or high pressure methods used to bring about spiritual liberty and unity--it just literally flowed throughout the conference like lubricating oil easing the strain of big machinery. Not a one was ever set down when testifying or presenting his views, but parliamentary procedure and a sweetness of spirit mellowed each and every session.

The messages of the various speakers, including not just those of the general moderators, but even the messages of such men of God as Rev. Freddy Thompson, our wonderful blind

preacher from Pennsylvania, and Rev. Newcome of Louisiana; and Rev. Lowell Foster and others were all so good that to say any one was better than another would take the wisdom of a Solomon or the intellect of a Philadelphia lawyer.

The special singing of Brother and Sister Cook, Brother and Sister Wheeler and the song about the Crystal Fountain, I Have Found It by Brother Boynton will ring in our ears for months and maybe years to come as well as the singing of numbers of other specials whose record of names we don't have at hand just now.

When the nominees for Sunday School Literature came up the two men whose names were nominated were both so good that once again it took prayer and quite a serious decision to decide as both men were so good and both recommended so wonderfully.

The message by Rev. Elbert Dodd on Thursday evening on Jesus; His Power; His Promise and His Command was seemingly to this scribe one of the finest messages ever coming from the lips of our General Moderator of the Eastern Division. This message was followed by a wave of spiritual giving of \$500, \$300, and \$100 pledges for Home Missions until \$24,265.16 was pledged. Night after night God lined the altars with people seeking and finding the Lord.

A real treat or surprise was in store for all when on Friday morning a fine pastor and his wife who were yet pastoring in Nebraska stood up and testified and spoke their desire of uniting with the Bible Missionary Church. This was followed by scores of testimonies of recommendation as to character, prayer life, school life, and pastoral experience by laymen, ministers and school mates of the one wishing to come our way. Brother Griffith just halted all movement of business and other procedures and stepped to the front of the platform where he asked the couple to come forward and they were duly received into membership amid the tears, shouts and praises of the saints.

On Saturday night in the preliminary part of the service before Brother Roy Lewis preached, Brother Griffith asked for a missionary offering over and above our regular ten per cent giving. The glory was in our midst and the people gave hilariously until there was \$18,245.20 pledged for foreign missions. We praise God for this wonderful vision and burden for the lost of earth.

The Sunday services of the Conference will go down in the history of the Church as some of the best. Almost all available seats were taken throughout the day. The Sunday School hour in charge of Tracy Knapp was turned into an old-fashioned praise and testimony service. Shouting and spontaneous praises were in order in every service. The ordination service Sunday afternoon was Divinely sealed of God as several candidates were given credentials and invested with the full authority of the church. The evening service was a time of heart searching and sincere seeking under the ministry of Bro. W. M. Tidwell. To try to describe the Conference, words are not adequate. God has kept the record and eternity alone will reveal the power and results of this great feast. In that Day many shall come from all directions and sit down in the Kingdom as a direct result of the Second General Conference of the Bible Missionary Church.

If Jesus tarries the next General Conference is planned for June, 1959, at Wichita, Kansas.

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NOTICE TO PREACHERS

If you have not received your Credentials and you were passed by the Conference, please notify us, giving correct address, etc. We do not have the address of all who are to receive Credentials, though we do have the list of those who are to receive them. We have sent some that were not delivered but were returned marked "Not found at the address given."

Thanks,
A. L. Crane, General Secretary
Box 392, Nampa, Idaho

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"How beautiful are the feet of them that preach the gospel of peace, and bring glad tidings of good things!" (Rom. 10:15b)

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"Stir me, O stir, Lord, I care not how,
But stir my heart in passion for the world,
Stir me to give, to go, but most to pray:
Stir me until Thy banner be unfurled
O'er lands that still in deepest darkness lie,
O'er deserts where no cross is lifted high."
Amen.

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CHURCH NEWS

Mrs. Robert Fleming, Editor,
1010 - 9th St., Greeley, Colorado

INDIANA-WESTERN OHIO DISTRICT ORGANIZED

At 2:00 P.M. August 3, 1957, the elders, ministers and lay delegates from Indiana and Western Ohio met for the organizational Conference of the Bible Missionary Church in this area. The Aultshire Bible Missionary Church at Muncie, Indiana was the host church and was filled to capacity.

Rev. Elbert Dodd, our General Moderator, was chairman of the Conference and his timely words of instruction and helpful suggestions were much appreciated and were a real help in

keeping the meeting moving toward the desired goal; viz., a working organization that would function in the unity of the Spirit; "Seek for the Old Paths"; "Walk in Them"; "Contend for the Faith Once Delivered," and see many precious souls snatched from the eternal burning.

The tender, guiding, persuading presence of the "Sealer of souls" was felt without interruption throughout the Conference. We must entertain His Holy presence both individually and collectively if anything worthwhile is to be accomplished for the Kingdom.

Rev. Roy Lewis of Albany, Indiana was elected District Moderator on the first ballot with well over a three-fourths majority vote. The vote was not only a vote of confidence but also a vote of appreciation for the faithful work of the past few months as our District Chairman of home missions in Indiana.

We are happy over the decision of the General Board to combine Western Ohio with the Indiana District and want the faithful saints of that area to know that we are one with them in the great task of reaching the needy, spiritually confused people of this generation.

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PLEASE PRAY

Rev. Paul E. King, pastor of the Central Church at Muncie, Indiana was elected District Treasurer by a large majority vote.

The hour is late and the storm clouds are gathering, but the Fire that was kindled in "The Upper Room" nearly two thousand years ago still burns in the hearts of God's true saints and the Light that was lighted in Galilee will soon blaze anew in the glory of His coming. Let us be about our Father's business. The ship is headed for the harbor. Lower the life boats and gather the victims of ship-wrecked humanity before they go down for the last time. -- John R. Bradford, Secretary

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Please pray for Brother Glenn Griffith. His sister Mrs. Mac Starkie of Augusta, Kansas died and was buried on October 15th. We extend our heart-felt sympathy to him in this hour of sorrow. Please remember to pray for him and the family.

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Pray for Brother and Sister Joe Hunt of Akron, Ohio. Their little nine year old boy was burned to death while playing with fire in the back yard. Pray that God will comfort their hearts in this dark hour. Brother and Sister Hunt are laymen in our church at Akron.

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Pray for the revival at Burr Oak, Kansas. It begins Nov. 12. Rev. George Roberts and Rev. L. P. Roberts will be the evangelists.--R. M. Balty, Pastor

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ACCEPTS CALL

John R. Bradford has accepted the call to pastor the Aultshire Bible Missionary Church, Muncie, Indiana. His new address will be Box 365, Muncie, Indiana. Phone Atlas 23654.

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NEW CHURCH ORGANIZED

On July 4th Rev. W. M. Tidwell organized a Bible Missionary Church in Crossville, Tennessee with 18 charter members. Rev. A. R. Cameron was called as pastor. They have purchased three nice lots inside the city limits and are now laying the foundation for a new church building.

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CAMP MEETING

An old-fashioned holiness camp meeting was held in the Michigan District at West Branch, Michigan, August 15-25. Rev. Glenn Griffith and Bro. and Sis. Troy Cook were the special workers. Many souls sought the Lord each night. -- Harold W. Buchanan, Reporter

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HOUSTON, TEXAS

As this goes to press we are in the midst of a revival meeting with Rev. J. E. Ray and Troy and Margaret Cook. It is a tent meeting. God helped Brother Ray to preach some of the greatest messages I have ever heard him preach. Troy and Margaret Cook are at their best. God has been giving some great victories. Just now a thunderstorm has blown the tent down and we were not able to have service in it tonight but we hope to get it back up tomorrow. More news about it all and the outcome later. The Devil doesn't like us, but God is for us. Hallelujah. -- Editor

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REVIVAL

God gave the Eldon church a wonderful revival with Rev. Arthur Morgan as evangelist. God was present in every service. Men and women were blessed, shouting, and running the aisles praising God. Several came for healing on the last Saturday night of the revival. Everyone that was

prayed for testified that God touched them. One continued to demonstrate how he could walk after God healed him.

We have a great crowd here and are thankful for the way they stood by the evangelist and the pastor. They paid the pastor's expenses to the General Conference.

We appreciated the straight preaching and burdened heart of the evangelist. God met needy hearts at the mercy seat. The entire church was edified, to God be the praise and glory! Hallelujah!
-- Victor Gibson, Pastor

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REV. ED KRAMER

Bro. Ed Kramer, president of the Kansas State Holiness Association and a wonderful evangelist and man of God joined the Bible Missionary Church at the Conference. We welcome Brother Kramer into our midst. May God bless and use him.

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GOLD BEACH, OREGON

We have just closed a ten day revival with Rev. Robert Barker as evangelist. God met with us every night in a wonderful way. This being a resort town and a pioneer holiness work, we felt much opposition from the enemy. The Lord used Bro. Barker to set a standard before the people and to lift up a risen Christ, making it plain that the working of the Holy Spirit was a definite and real experience.

My husband and I with our teen age family of one daughter and two sons felt God's leading last December to move to this town of 2,000 population on the coast of southern Oregon. Our closest Bible Missionary Church is Portland, over 300 miles away, so do not have much fellowship with our people, but God has been good to us, and we have felt His presence many times even though often it is just our family for services. Our record attendance was 17 for a Sunday morning service.

God is working in the hearts of sinners for we have seen and felt the opposition at times very strong.

At the present we are using our front room for worship service as there is no place available even for rent. We can seat approximately 30 in our home.

During our revival we reached to the north 15 miles to a new family. We did not see the results we would like to have seen, but only eternity will reveal the seed that will yet mature unto harvest. We are praising God for what was accomplished. Pray for us here in this town that as my husband preaches from week to week and labors in a mill for the financial support, that he and all

of us might live consistent lives, before this needy, disillusioned, pleasure-seeking, group of people. -- Mrs. E. B. Snyder, reporter

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ODESSA, TEXAS

Rev. Charles T. Elkins has resigned as pastor and will be open for revival meetings. Brother Elkins is a good preacher and singer too. He will be living at 314 E. Magnolia, Midland, Texas. Give this good man a call. He will be a blessing to your church.

The church at Odessa has called Rev. Parker Maxey, of Scottsbluff, Nebraska as pastor. Brother and Sister Maxey joined our church at the last General Conference in Denver. The Maxeys are good old time holiness folk. They have been true to God and holiness across the years. They are great prayer warriors. We welcome them to The Bible Missionary Church. May God bless them as they assume their duties as pastor in Odessa. If you have friends you would like to have them call on you may write: Rev. Parker Maxey, 603 West 33rd Street, Odessa, Texas.

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ZANESVILLE, OHIO

Just a little while before the Conference Brother E. T. Harris organized the church at Zanesville, Ohio, also a church at Summerfield, Ohio. Both these meetings were self supporting. We haven't heard yet who the pastors are. We praise God for these churches and the people up in the great state of Ohio.

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OXNARD, CALIFORNIA

Brother Glenn Griffith organized the church at Oxnard soon after the General Conference. Rev. Harold Taylor from Louisiana was called as pastor. Brother and Sister Taylor are wonderful holiness folk. We welcome them to the Bible Missionary Church and pray God's blessing on them in the work at Oxnard.

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SANTA CRUZ, CALIFORNIA

Brother Glenn Griffith and Brother Wayne States organized a mission at Santa Cruz. The organization will be complete after the revival.

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LONG BEACH, CALIFORNIA

Brother Glenn Griffith began a revival campaign in Long Beach. Brother States or Brother Taylor or maybe both are continuing it. We haven't heard for sure. Brother Griffith says it looks good for a church in Long Beach. Pray for the work there.

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IN MEMORIUM

Dorothy Britton, a licensed preacher and charter member of the Barryton, Michigan Bible Missionary Church, went home to be with her Lord, Whom she loved so much, on August 20th, 1957. Saved out of deed sin some ten years ago, Sister Britton took the old fashioned pilgrim way and stayed true to her God given convictions till the end. She leaves her husband Forrest and son Ronnie who lives at home. Also one daughter and two sons married and several grandchildren. We are sad and still rejoice because another saint has made it home. Her pastor -- Elmer G. Sickmiller

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ORDINATION SERVICE

Seventeen young preachers received Elder's Orders in a glorious victorious ordination service the last Sunday afternoon of the Conference in Denver. Brother Glenn Griffith brought the message using three passages of scripture as a basis for his message: "Son of Man Can These Bones Live," "Hide Thyself," and "Show Thyself." Brother Dodd gave the charge to the candidates and their wives. All the Elders gathered about the Candidates and laid their hands on them while Brother Dodd and Brother Griffith commissioned and ordained them. We hope to have pictures of all who received ordination at this service. The pictures will have to appear in a later edition since we have received only one picture of the newly ordained ones. Those receiving Elder's Orders were: Robert Barker, Leslie Laeger, Milton Stewart, Ray Spranger, Frank Baldwin, Mrs. Iva Douglas, Kenneth D. Lucas, Lawrence M. Ayers, Miss Zarilla McVey, Edward Bell, Lloyd Milburn, Joel Miller, James Rigsby, Francis X. Mutoo, Philip P. Courtney, Gary Smith. Murrell Duffle. Pray that God will mightily use these Elders to the upbuilding of His Kingdom.

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IT HAS HAPPENED

Brother Spencer Johnson has done what everybody expected him to do. He has resigned as pastor of that wonderful church in Houston and gone back into the evangelistic work. The people at Houston were wonderful to him. They were cooperative in every way. God gave them a wonderful revival with brother J. E. Ray as evangelist and Troy and Margaret Cook as singers. The church is a united group and truly love one another. They proved in many ways that they loved Brother Johnson and his family. Brother Johnson and his family surely loved the good folk at Houston but the call of God was upon him to evangelize and he felt that he must obey God. He will always be interested in the work at Houston and will be praying God's richest blessings upon the church and

their new pastor. If anybody should ever want him for a meeting you may write him at 3613 Ernest Street, Lake Charles, Louisiana. -- Editor

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"SONGS IN THE NIGHT"

I traveled down a highway
I ne'er had gone before
It seemed that no one understood
The heavy load I bore.
My heart was nearly breaking
My eyes were wet with tears
The whole world crushed around me
As I faced the lonely years.

I turned my eyes on Jesus
And begged for a ray of light
He sent a "band of angels"
To sing me songs in the night.
They camped around my bedside
As I wept they sweetly sang
Rock of Ages Cleft for me
In my heart their music rang.

What a Friend we have in Jesus
All our sins and griefs to bear
By now I was Clinging, Clinging
To one who really cared.
He slipped His arms around me
I wept upon His breast
He did what others could not do
He brought me peace and rest.

That's why I'm always singing
That's why I can't keep still
He filled a place within my heart
That others could not fill.
So if you bear a heavy load
That others cannot share
You'll find a friend in Jesus
He'll lift your load of care.

--Mrs. Ina Moyer

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JESUS CHRIST THE MISSIONARY IMPERATIVE

By James McNab

I. His Example:

5. For this cause came I into the world (John 18:37b). Just as Jesus Christ could not save Himself from the cross and yet save a lost world from hell, even so the world would have been lost had He not come into this world to shed His atoning blood on Calvary's cruel cross. This was a must in His life because He was the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world. Making possible the redemption of men everywhere was imperative in the life, teachings and example of Jesus Christ. It was for this cause that He came into the world.

Jesus gives His Church another missionary imperative here in His answer to Pilate, which was soon followed by Pilate's historical question, "What is truth?" Jesus calmly states that: "To this end was I born, and for this cause came I into the world, that I should bear witness unto the truth." In chapter 14:6 Jesus had already declared to Thomas, "I am the Way, the Truth, and the Life "

Christ came into the world to bear witness to the truth, and He, Himself, was and is the Truth. Just as He came into the world to preach the Gospel, and that there might be a Gospel to preach, even so He came to bear witness to the Truth by giving His precious life on Calvary's Cross. Later He committed this great task to His followers, and now everyone of His witnesses must convey this great Truth to all the world.

For this imperative cause He came into the world, to turn men from their erroneous way unto the Truth which would "set them free." For this cause He left His royal home in glory to come down to this sinful world that He might redeem ALL men. This was and is His business. This is why He came into the world, that the world through Him might be saved. John Wesley comments here:

"To this end was I born--speaking of His human origin; His divine was beyond Pilate's comprehension. Yet it is intimated in the words, 'I came into the world --that I might witness to the truth'--which was declared to the Jews, and in the process of His passions to the princes of the Gentiles. 'Every one that is of the truth,' that is a lover of it, 'heareth my voice'--a universal maxim."

And for this cause His followers must leave everything and be crucified with Him, that they might be human embodiments of the Truth, that Jesus Christ might through their lives and ministry be able to set men free. "Ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free" (John 8:32). For this cause He was sent into the world, that He, the Truth, might defeat error and set men free. Therefore, it is imperative that all His followers be awakened to their tremendous responsibility of making Him, the Truth, known to all those who have never heard the Gospel. Kenneth Bedwell observes that:

"The world has been defined as 'organized society in opposition to God,' but Jesus Christ never forgot that within that organized society, blinded and deceived, there were men and women who could be won back to light and life and love and holiness. He was hated by the world, but He loved the souls of men, and bore their sins in His own body on the cross.

"Our task is to go back into the world from which God has delivered us, and from which He has separated us, to snatch men as brands from the burning. We are not to be so 'Heavenly minded that we are of no earthly use.' This otherworldliness does not become preoccupied with its own sanctity, while souls are perishing. No, it takes off its coat, and rolls up its sleeves, and goes down to the very gates of hell, until it can feel the very scorching of the fire, in order to rescue poor deluded and wrecked humanity."

This is exactly what Jesus did. He suffered the very pangs of hell in order that He, the Truth, might set men free from their shackles of sin and prevent them from spending an eternity in hell. Now those of His disciples who have been set free, are obligated and called to go forth into ALL THE WORLD to rescue men and women who are bound and set them free by declaring unto them the Truth, the saving and transforming Gospel, Jesus Christ. They are wandering around in the dense darkness of sin and superstition, and only Jesus Christ, the TRUTH, can set them free. It is imperative, therefore, that WE take Christ to these lost multitudes at ANY COST!

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TELL ME

By Mrs. Ina Moyer

Jesus said, "I am the way
That leads to eternal life,
You don't need creeds and programs
They only bring you strife.

Some say they've found the answer
To get the people in,
Just preach a social gospel
Don't say much about their sin.

Sure we want the people
And prizes may bring them in--
But Jesus never bribed them
Can we do less than Him?

He told us to go to the byways
For we'd find the sinner there
Who knows? He may now be longing
For someone to love him and care.

Tell me, oh tell me, how can we

When they come to our churches then.
Just give them a little old program
Not telling them much about Him.

I wanted that old time religion
It didn't look grievous to me
I fell at the feet of my Saviour
His grace was sufficient for me.

I'm convinced in my heart by the Bible
If we'd ask for the old paths and his ways,
A gracious old fashioned revival
Would come to us in our day.

Forget your fads and your fashions
Do not fear the chastening rod
Preach the word in all of it's fullness
And you'll have a real visit from God.

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LET US SPREAD A LITTLE SUNSHINE

By Roy L. Marler

Let us spread a little sunshine.
Let us spread a little cheer,
Among those who need it most,
In this dreary world down here.
A kind word at the right time,
Or maybe just a smile,
Will give some fellow-traveler,
Strength to walk another mile.
Just a cool drink of water,
Or even a tiny piece of bread,
May keep some soul from fainting,
Who it seemed was almost dead.
Life is what we make it--
For ourselves and others too.
So let us strive to be a blessing,
As this world, we travel through.

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